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1. REACTION TO KIDNAPP/ASSASSINATION OF WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN
RAUL MOLINA CANAS EARLY MORNING NOV. 12 CONTINUES TO RECEIVE
WIDESPREAD MEDIA COVERAGE AND OUTSPOKEN CONDEMNATION,
PRIMARILY FROM WEALTHY ELITE. ANEP, ABANDONING ITS USUAL
LOW PUBLIC PROFILE IN SIMILAR CASES, PREEMPTED PRIME TIME
ON LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS EVENING OF NOV. 13 TO CONDEMN
IN THE NAME OF ANEP AND THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR, THIS
LATEST ATROCITY. ANEP ALSO URGING, WITH APPARENT
SUCCESS, THE LOCAL BUSINESSES CLOSE NOV. 14 TO ALLOW
EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MOLINA AT
CATHEDRAL 3 P.M. GOVERNMENT CLOSING OFFICES AT 2 P. M. FOR FUNERAL.
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2. ANEP ALSO PLACED FULL-PAGE AD IN LOCAL PRESS
MORNING NOV. 14 PRAISING VIRTUES OF MOLINA AS HARD
WORKING BUSINESSMAN INTERESTED IN CIVIC ACTIVITIES
AND ENJOYING EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH HIS EMPLOYEES.
ARTICLE ENDED WITH STATEMENT THAT ACTION SUCH AS THIS
IS LEADING THE COUNTRY INTO A SITUATION OF CHAOS,

OF PAIN AND TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. SAME MORNING UNSIGNED SINGLE PAGE PAMPHLET ADDRESSED TO QTE YOU THE HONORABLE SALVADORAN UNQTE HANDED OUT IN ALL PARTS OF CITY. THE BRIEF MESSAGE CALLS FOR A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION AT THE CATHEDRAL AT THE TIME OF MOLINA'S FUNERAL. STRONGLY WORDED PAMPHLET STATES THAT IT IS MORE THAN TIME FOR HONORABLE SALVADORANS WHO ARE TIRED OF VIOLENCE TO GATHER AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR DISSATISFACTION AND REPUDIATION OF SO MANY CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST MEN WHOSE ONLY FAULT HAS BEEN THAT THEY HAD AN INTELLIGENCE, AN INCENTIVE, AND A SPIRIT OF WORK AND SACRIFICE HIGHER THAN THAT OF THEIR ASSASSINS.

3. COMMENT. GOES AUTHORITIES STILL HAVE MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING APPREHENSION OR CLUES AS TO PERPETRATORS OF THIS LATEST CRIME. MASSIVE TURNOUT FOR FUNERAL OF MOLINA, COMBINED WITH OTHER INCIDENTS OF PAST FEW DAYS (SEE REFTELS), WOULD PLACE GREATER PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT FOR PREVENTIVE ACTION AGAINST FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS. LARGE GATHERING FOR FUNERAL ALSO REPRESENTS POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN CURRENT HIGHLY TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN EL SALVADOR.

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